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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the treatment of autoimmune and allergic diseases by mucosal delivery by microorganism, in particular *Lactococcus lactis*, of secreted immunodominant antigens.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International search report covers all searchable claims.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-9, 12-27, 30-44 (all completely), 10, 28 (all partially)

A microorganism expressing gliadin antigen and compositions/methods to induce antigen-specific tolerance

2. claims: 10, 28 (all partially)

A microorganism or method using said microorganism wherein hordein is expressed as antigen.

3. claims: 11, 29 (all partially)

see invention 2 with relation to SEQ ID NOS: 2 and 4 (HLA-DQ8)

4. claims: 11, 29 (all partially)

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